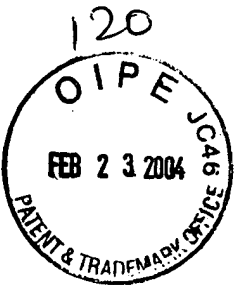


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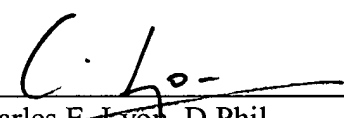
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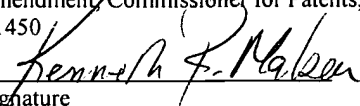
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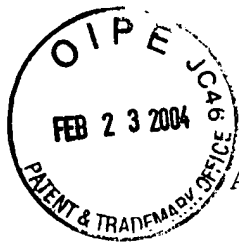
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AMENDMENT

Applicant respectfully requests entrance of the following Amendment into the above-referenced patent application.

The priority claim to International Application Serial No. PCT/US96/15222 filed September 23, 1996 was improper since that application became abandoned on June 29, 1998 (i.e., 30 months from the earliest priority date of December 29, 1995) and was therefore not co-pending with U.S. Serial No. 09/141,220 filed August 27, 1998.

The priority claim to U.S. Serial No. 60/073,283 filed January 31, 1998 was improperly phrased in the original specification. The original specification erroneously stated that priority to U.S. Serial No. 60/073,283 was made indirectly in U.S. Serial No. 09/141,220 via U.S. Serial No. 09/240,557 filed January 29, 1999; U.S. Serial No. 09/241,101 filed January 29, 1999; and U.S. Serial No. 09/248,673 filed February 11, 1999. However, these three cases were filed after U.S. Serial No. 09/141,220. As amended, the specification clarifies that U.S. Serial No. 09/141,220 claims direct priority to U.S. Serial No. 60/073,283.

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendment to the Specification begin on page 2 of this Response.

Remarks begin on page 3 of this Response.

Appendix A begins on page 4 of this paper.